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Interstate Requests

By letter dated March 20, 2003, the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) requested that the AWBA waive certain requirements regarding timing of requests for development of intentionally created unused apportionment (ICUA) to permit development of 10,000 acre feet of ICUA in 2003. The long-term storage credits that will be used to develop the ICUA are some of the credits the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) stored in 1992 and 1993, in part, on behalf of California and Nevada. The total amount of long-term storage credits transferred to the AWBA on SNWA's behalf was 50,000.

If the Quantification Settlement Agreement had been successfully executed, as required by the Interim Surplus Guidelines, Nevada would have received an additional 30,000 acre feet of surplus Colorado River water in 2003. However, failure by the California parties to execute the QSA by December 31, 2002 resulted in loss of the interim surpluses.

By letter dated January 31, 2002, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) also requested recovery of the approximately 80,000 acre feet of credits stored on their behalf in 1992 and 1993. This request was made to the CAWCD because no credits have been transferred to the AWBA on MWD's behalf at this time. The AWBA and MWD are currently working on developing the agreements needed to authorize development of ICUA for MWD. The AWBA and CAWCD are also evaluating the availability of opportunities to develop the requested ICUA.



On March 3, 2003 the Arizona State Senate confirmed the appointment of former Senator Herb Guenther as the eighth Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Pursuant to statute, the Director of ADWR serves as the chairman of the AWBA.

MARCH MEETING RE-SCHEDULED

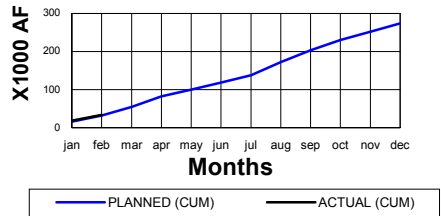
The next meeting of the AWBA will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Arizona Department of Water Resources in Conference Rooms A and B. Draft agendas will be distributed and available on the AWBA web page in the next week. For additional information, please contact Nan Flores.

AWBA Members - Status Update

Pursuant to the AWBA's enabling legislation, the Arizona Water Banking Authority Commission is comprised of five voting members and two non-voting *ex officio* members. The Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Herb Guenther, serves as chairman of the Commission. The President of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District also serves on the Commission. George R. Renner continues his service in this capacity as a result of his re-election on March 6, 2003. Mr. Renner has been a member of the Commission since March of 1999. The other three voting members are appointed by the Governor based on specific requirements and subject to confirmation by the Senate. One member must represent an entity that holds a CAP municipal and industrial subcontract. Chuck Cahoy, utilities attorney for the City of Mesa has been appointed by Governor Napolitano to this position. One member must represent an entity that holds a contract for mainstream Colorado River use. Maureen George, city attorney for Lake Havasu City has been appointed to this position. One member must be knowledgeable in water resource management. John Mawhinney, former Senate majority leader and co-chair of the Governor's Water Management Commission, was the appointee for this position. The three appointed members have completed their Senate hearings and are awaiting Senate confirmation. The *ex officio* members are the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, or their designees. To date, no designations have been made by Senate president Ken Bennett or House Speaker Jake Flake.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2003 DELIVERIES (by Month) Planned vs. Actual



January and February Water Deliveries

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>
Phoenix AMA	8,470 AF	6,141 AF
Pinal AMA	2,996 AF	2,777 AF
Tucson AMA	<u>6,988 AF</u>	<u>5,979 AF</u>
	18,454 AF	14,897 AF
Actual Deliveries (thru Feb)		33,351 AF
Planned Deliveries (thru Feb)		32,950 AF

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2003 Authority Meetings

Wednesday, June 18, 2003
Wednesday, September 17, 2003
Wednesday, December 17, 2003

All meetings are tentatively scheduled from
10:00-12:00 at ADWR in Conf. Rooms A and B

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